Mr. Meeson's Will

- By H. Rider Haggard -

a Smithers loves Bustace Messon, the multipublisher, has disinterited himhipwreshed with this uncle and a
two, on a desert island. Old Messon and wasts to make a now will in
favor, but has no writing materguide volunteers to sallow the will
toose between her shoulders.

Jism's and wasts is received and
Bustace becomes engaged to AuBustace becomes engaged to Au-

at is because they do not really love eir work, whatever it may be. Those who really love their art as I love mine, with heart and soul and strength, will not be so easily checked. Of course dismot be so easily checked. Of course distractions and cares come with marriage; but, on the other hand, if one marries happlity there comes quiet of mind and cessation from that ceaseless restlessness that is so fatal to good work. You meed not fear, Eustace; if I can I will show the world that you have not married a dullard; and if I can't, why, my dear, it will be because I am one."

"That comes very nicely from the author of the most successful book of the year," said Eustace, with fine surcasm. "Really, my dear, what between your fame as a writer and as the heroine of the shipwreck and of the great will case. I think that I had better take a back seat at once, for I shall certainly be known as the husband of the beautiful and gitted Mrs. Meeson."

"Oh, no," answered Augusta; "don't be afraid, nobody would dream of speaking slightingly of the owner of two millions of money."

"Well, never mind chaffing about the money," said Eustace. "I have got something to ask you."

"I must be going to bed," said Augusta; firmly.

"No-nonsense!" said Eustace. "You

arm.
nhand me, str!" said Augusta, with
sety. "Now what do you want, you

boy?"
want to know if you will marry "Next week?" Good gractous! No."
said Augusta. "Why, I have not got
my things, and, for the matter of that,
I am sure I don't know where the
money is coming from to pay for them.

"Things!" said Eustace, with fipe contempt. "Tou managed to live on Kerguelen Land without things, so I don't see why you can't get married without them—though, for the matter of that, I will get anything you want in six hours. I never did hear such bosh as women talk about 'things,' Listen, dear. For Heaven's sake let's get married and have a little quiet. I can assure you that, if you don't, your life won't be worth having after this. You will be hented like a wild thing, and interviewed and painted and worried to death; whereas, if you get married—well, it will be better for us in a quiet way, you know."

"Well, there is something in that," said Augusta. "But supposing that there should be an appeal, and the decision should be reversed, what would happen then?"

"Well, then we should have to work for our living—that's all. I have got my billet, and you could write for the press until your five years' agreement with Meeson & Co. has run out. I so while we are waiting let us pass the time with that song we were practising with the song we were practising. (You can't escape.)

"Well," said Augusta, "I will speak to Bessie about it."

"Oh, of "rise, Lady Holmhurst will gay no," is I Eustace, gloomliy. "She

"Oh, of "re. Lady Holmhurst will my no." s. i Eustace, gloomily. "She will think about the 'things;" and, be-

THE GOD OF LOVE. It is not gold of rippled hair,

As apple bloom at dawn of day.

Love only knows one god sublime,

matter below.

ly yours.
"John Short, Esq. are reply will oblige."
"P. S.—An immediate reply will oblige."
"Well. Messon, what so you say to that?" said John.
"I accept." exclaimed Eustace.
"THE END.

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Go buy, little girl, ge buy.

Don't dare to wear that dress so fair,

MARY-The poor infant, working so

hard to prevent her rich old father

from dying disgracefully wealthy. She

It's passe before the scason's over.

Ta ta, little giri, to tal Papa whirl, poor pa! He must loosen up the dough

Just to make the equine go. Go buy, little girt, go buy.

LORD HARRY, a juke.

MARY, usual maid.

PERCY VERE, a dummy

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-NS IN TWO WEEPS

(Enter Jess stealthlly.)

(Enter Doe.)

any. I refuse.

DOE-You sent for me?

JESS—Aha! So that is your plot? Then beware! Little did you think when I was driven out in the snow ten min-

otes ago that I would live all these

reahs to foll you. Ha, I will disgula-

myself as a wax model and rubber.
(Removes a divided nightic from a model—wax model—and dons M. Stands rigidly. Enter Soquem.)

SOQUEM-Ah, old man Doe is coming

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It is not cheeks as fresh and fair It is not these that give Love food And drink-the magic wine and

That set, amid his solltude, The enchanted garland on his

The trinity in unity;

-E. Nesbit in London Outlook.

Glad & Rags &

mow dresses Madame Soquem has made way for the new-fangled nightie!

for her, and even then can barely spend a mere pittance of \$10,000 a year from the Doe millions. She promised him that she would see that he died respectably poor, but, also, poor girl, it is neither dainty, nor handy, not neat;

Think of a girl hiding her feet

breaking her heart, for she has no time Under this garment so mighty-tor romance.

Come, come, think of the tootsies hid Under a thirty-foot skirt. the plot, let's make a quiet meak and let the principals come on. (Excunt. Enter playfully Jess, pursued by Lord

HARRY-Really, now, how can I, you know, when you have on that thirty-foot skirt? But, he, I will thwart you! (Grabs the cord portiers and swings to her side, wrapping one arm about



"Out! You are no longer chee-lid of mine!"

know. Ow, ya-as, by Jawve!

you?)
MME. SOQUEM-(Entering.) Hat like-

JESS-Gude-by. But to make this a touching farewell, ean't I touch you for ear tyre? No? Then watch my smoke. (She lights a match and sets the snow on fire, while Madame Source falls in a fit she has just made.)

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Seymour hose and the boots of kid

Augustine!)

Get a large leather band (ach! du liber

Now round the waist have it girt-

a thirty-foot skirt?

How can any little damsel stand under

MADAME SOQUEM-I am expecting

Percy Vere here to-day. Ha! that

LORD-Why, no, not very warm, you | PERCY-I have come in answer

The Effects of Opiates,

PAPA—Out of me house!

JESS—Says he loves me for my money.

PA—Out! You are no longer a child of mine! (Weepy muste.)

HARRY—This is an outrage. See how the storm rages without outside.

(The property man sprinkles a few paper scraps over the door.)

JESS—Gude-by, old home. I'm gawn away from yeah, and nev-ah, nev-ah, come back until I get here. And you. Lord Harry?

MADAME SOQUEM—Come with me, young man. I wish you for floorwalker in my dressmaking foundry. I have sworn she should nev-ah have you!

PAPA—Out, I say! (Moore weepy fiddings)

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A Well-Known Proverb.

Fare thee well, fare thee well! The dressmakers will be in clover, Fare thee well, fare thee well! There's a robe that you bought last sea It has no signs of wear or tears, But the modistes have found some res-To hand a brand-new line of wares